

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 1136

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Derrick Woods, 2021
Parrottsville Ruritan Club Citizen of the Year.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly salute those citizens who, through their remarkable efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable individual is Derrick Woods, who was named the 2021 Parrottsville Ruritan Club Citizen of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods recently retired from the Cocke County Sheriff's Office after thirty-two years of service; he currently serves as East Tennessee Region Law Enforcement Liaison for the Tennessee Highway Safety Office; he is also an adjunct instructor for the Police Academy at Walters State Community College; and

WHEREAS, an inspiring community leader, Mr. Woods serves on the boards of various organizations, including Rural Medical Services, the Boys and Girls Club, Isaiah 117, Leadership Cocke County, Empower Cocke County, Parrottsville Ruritan Club, and Prevention Alliance of Cocke County; and

WHEREAS, he also serves his community as the chair of the Save the Children C5 Leadership Table, a Tennessee scholarship mentor, and a Camp Mariposa volunteer; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods received an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Public Safety-Law Enforcement from Walters State Community College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Business and Law Enforcement from Liberty University; and

WHEREAS, he is also a graduate of the University of Tennessee National Forensic Academy, Cocke County Leadership, and East Tennessee Regional Leadership; and

WHEREAS, in addition to being named Citizen of the Year, Mr. Woods was named Ruritan of the Year during the annual banquet; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods enjoys the love and companionship of his wife, Tessa Woods, and their two children, Makayla Woods Barrett and Jordan Woods; they are expecting their first grandchild from their daughter and her husband, Makayla and Ethan Barrett; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Woods epitomizes the spirit and commitment to the noble precepts of public service that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, we find it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud Derrick Woods for his dedication to the Parrottsville Ruritan Club, the citizens of Cocke County, and this State; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Derrick Woods on being named the 2021 Parrottsville Ruritan Club Citizen of the Year and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.